Title: Need for early completion of electrification work of the Shoranur- Kochi Railway line in Kerala.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): The electrification work of the Shoranur-Kochi Railway line in Kerala has not been completed yet.

This work, which was to be completed by March, 1998 is unfortunately still going on, that too, at snail's pace. Due to this delay, severe hardship is caused to the people of the State.

The people also want the Government of India to take up the electrification of the Kochi-Thiruvananthapuram as they do not want Thiruvananthapuram to remain a State capital without electric train facilities. I demand speedy completion of the Shoranur-Kochi line.

I also request for making provision of adequate funds for the completion of the electrification of the Kochi-Thiruvananthapuram Railway line in the next budget.